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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONFERENCE MEXICO

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1. JON D. HOLSTINE, MINORITY STAFF CONSULTANT, HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS HAS ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT THAT DURING HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE CONSULAR CONFERENCE HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH MR. ALFONSO RICON PINA, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MEXICAN DIVISION, NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE THEFT BUREAU, BERLIN 17-203, COLONIA JUAREZ, MEXICO 6, D.F. MR. HOLSTINE WILL CALL MR. PINA UPON HIS ARRIVAL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. HOWEVER, IN THE MEANTIME EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ALERT MR. PINA TO THE FACT THAT MR. HOLSTINE WILL BE IN TOWN AND WILL BE CONSULTING HIM IN REGARD TO THE PROBLEMS OF RECOVERING STOLEN AUTOMOBILES.

2. MR. HOLSTINE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED
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IN CALLING ON THE OFFICER IN THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY

CONCERNED WITH THIS PROBLEM IN AN EFFORT TO GET A FEELING FROM THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE DESIRABILITY AND/OR POSSIBILITIES OF OBTAINING A NEW CONVENTION. MR. HOLSTINE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM THE EMBASSY ON WHETHER THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

3. THE DEPARTMENT QUESTIONS WHETHER SUCH A DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME WOULD SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE SINCE WE FEAR THAT THIS MIGHT ENCOURAGE THE GOM TO LESSEN ITS EFFORTS TO MAKE THE PRESENT CONVENTION WORK. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOM IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A MODIFICATION OF THE PRESENT TREATY WOULD SEEK TO REMOVE FROM THE SCOPE OF THE TREATY THOSE VEHICLES SOLD OR EMBEZZLED IN THE US AND SUBSEQUENTLY USED TO COMMIT CRIMES AGAINST THE GOM. ACCEPTANCE OF THIS WOULD ELIMINATE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THE FEW CONVENTION CASES NOW PENDING. EMBASSY SHOULD CONSULT WITH MESSRS. WALENTYNOWICZ, GISE AND DREYFUSS ON THIS PROPOSED DISCUSSION BY MR. HOLSTINE WITH THE MEXICAN FOREIGN OFFICE AND SO ADVISE MR. HOLSTINE. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY OFFICERS BRIEFING MR. HOLSTINE ON CONTENTS REFTELS COVERING EMBASSY S LATEST EFFORTS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM.

4. DEPT IS CONCERNED THAT AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATION OF TREATY (INCLUDING EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS OF SAME) NOT OBTAINED AS REQUIRED 11 FAM 722.1. IT ALSO WISHES TO CALL THE EMBASSY S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT NEGOTIATION OF TREATIES WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT EXCLUSIVE FUNCTION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH. KISSINGER

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